

**Wisconsin Association of FFA
75th Annual State Convention
Delegate Business Session Minutes
June 15, 2004
Alliant Energy Center
Madison, WI**

After a delegate enrichment activity by Past State Officers, a brief parliamentary procedure demonstration was given, State Officers performed opening ceremonies and the meeting was called to Order at 10:15 by President, Chris Ritscher. Attendance was taken by sectional officers, there were 340 delegates present.

A motion was made by Brittany Sullivan from Bonduel and seconded by Melissa Pratt of the Westby FFA chapter to accept the minutes from last years' session as printed. There was no debate and the motion passed.

Evan Stachinski from Gillett moved to accept the 2004-2005 Wisconsin Association Budget as printed. Brad Honish from Tomah seconded the motion, there was no debate and the budget passed.

Sarah Payne from Kiel moved to accept the 467 candidates for state degrees. Brian Hoffelt from Bruce seconded the motion, there was no debate and it passed.

Proposal 1: A proposed constitutional change submitted by the Wisconsin State FFA Executive Board. In Article XVI—Governing Bodies: Eliminate Section D and Amend Section C to read: Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall consist of the state Officers, their advisors and state staff. Cole Sikora from Cadott moved, Clayton North, Pecatonica seconded the proposal, there was no debate and the proposal was passed by the delegates with a 338 in favor, 2 opposed vote.

Proposal number 2: A proposed bylaws change submitted by the Wisconsin State FFA Executive Board. Amend Article V, Section a #1 to add the words "membership rosters, membership dues payment and/or program of activities" so if passed, the bylaws would read, "In the event that membership rosters, membership dues payment and/or program of activities are received late in the office of State Executive Secretary..." Cameron Wojik, Fall Creek moved to accept this proposal, Alyssa Slabby from Independence seconded it. The motion passed with a 334 in favor, 6 opposed vote.

Proposal 3: A proposal submitted by the Cambridge Chapter to allow up to three members to be recognized as Gold proficiency award winners in a single proficiency area as long as that area has more than twenty applications in that area in a given year. Brandon Colt of Cadott moved to accept the proposal, Ryan Stenjum from Cambridge seconded. Brandi Gabrick, Cochrane-Fountain City debated in favor. Sarah Mateske, Montello moved to amend the motion by striking out the word "three" and inserting "unlimited" and striking out "as long as that area has more than 20 applications". The amendment was seconded by Tatiana Brian from Eau Claire Memorial. Debate from Brittany Sullivan from Bonduel opposed; Cole Sikora Cadott, opposed; Sally Garder, Waupaca opposed; Kelly Flater, Osseo Fairchild opposed; Cassey Intergal, Weyauwega-Fremont opposed. Clayton North from Pecatonica moved Previous Question, Dennis Stachinski, Gillett, Seconded.

Vote was taken and the Previous Question passed. Vote was taken on the amendment, and the amendment failed. Vote was taken 275 in favor, and the motion passed.

Sarah Mateske, chair of the committee on increasing middle school student membership gave their report. They recommended having State Officers send brochures and posters to advisors. At the local and sectional levels, they recommended to have a basketball game, lock-in, participate in high school trips, serve sundaes during FFA week, compete in more contests with the high school, and in Farm Safety projects. Sarah Mateske moved to accept the recommendation as read. The motion passed.

Katie Lincicum, chair of post-secondary committee recommended the following: On a local level: Have the advisors inform students of opportunities, invite members back, include current e-mails of graduates. At the sectional level: offer a workshop for graduated students, have State officers inform seniors of their opportunities during chapter visits. At the state level: newsletter or e-mail to post-graduates reminding of deadlines, and host speaking contests and Career Development Events specifically for graduates at Convention. Katie Lincicum moved to accept the report as read. A voice vote was taken and the recommendations passed.

Jessica Gasser, chair of the committee on the increase of Alumni members recommends having workshops for students about the Alumni, holding Alumni meetings half an hour before chapter meetings end, so it is convenient for parents to attend, getting alumni involved at Made for Excellence and Greenhand workshops, holding get-togethers for Alumni chapters and make the Alumni more interesting for recent graduates. Jessica Gasser moved to accept the recommendation as read. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Brian Hoffelt, chair of the committee on participation recommends: increasing the Convention Career Development Events by holding them in a more central location and by allowing middle school students to participate. In the area of Agriscience, make applications more manageable, display agriscience fair at sectionals, and make a handbook of how to fill out forms. Make the H.O. Sargent and Agri-Science Entrepreneurship award better by revising the application, promoting through the FFA website, literature, and chapter visits. Increase participation in SO candidates by having current officers do a workshop for candidates and by telling more about specific duties on visits. Increase post-high school student participation by creating more speaking and other contests for them. Brian Hoffelt moved to accept the recommendation as read. The motion passed by a majority voice vote.

Chris thanked all delegates for their help and the committee members and chairs for their additional participation.

All delegates need to return at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow for the State Officer elections.

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Angie Kringle
2003-2004 Wisconsin State FFA Secretary